

**Minutes of the
Idaho Nursery and Florists Advisory Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Monday, October 7, 2002
Conference Call**

In Attendance:

Howard E. Hughes, Hughes Greenhouses, Post Falls, ID - Committee Chairman
Bill Dial, Sterling Landscape Co., Boise, ID - Committee Member
David Jenkins, Jenkins & Son Christmas Trees, Inc., Sandpoint, ID - Committee Member
Matt Wolff, Baxter Wholesale Nursery, Emmett, ID - New Committee Member
Gary Paulson, Trail Creek Nursery, Victor, ID - New Committee Member
Eric Madson, Paradise Nursery Inc., Bonners Ferry, ID - Committee Member
Mike Weiss, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID - U.I. Representative
Michael E. Cooper, Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) - ISDA Representative
Bob Tripeppi, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID - Guest
Ann Bates, Idaho Nursery Association (INA), Idaho Falls, ID - Guest

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

Introductions were made by all of the committee members and guests.

Agenda items for this meeting were briefly identified

Old Business: Members reviewed the minutes of the January 14, 2002 annual meeting. Bill Dial moved to approve the minutes, which was then seconded by Dave Jenkins and approved by the committee.

Review of year 2002 Grants – Mid Year Reports

1) Dr. Dan Barney, University of Idaho, Grant No. NAC/ISDA 2002-2 \$2,900, "Evaluation of Corkbark and Subalpine Fir for their potential as Ornamental Nursery Stock and Christmas Trees." The growing site was visited by committee member Eric Madson after concerns expressed at the January 14 committee meeting that there might not be enough stock left to continue the study. Eric thought that there was plenty of stock left for the continuation of the study. The written report was more in depth than previous ones and the committee was pleased with that. The mid-term report was approved.

2) Dr. Robert R. Tripepi, University of Idaho, Grant No. NAC/ISDA 2002-3 \$21,016 "Examining Treatments Used on Colorado Spruce to Maintain Post Harvest Quality." A written report was submitted. Dr. Barney said that the experiment went off to a good start except that during the hot weather experienced during mid-summer the tree began to show some stress. Upon closer examination and consultation with some growers it was determined that the root system had problems the growers thought that root balls may have been too small and root development was sparse borers and bark beetles were also found. The root balls were the proper size for the caliper size of the trees. Drip irrigation was being used and overhead irrigation should have probably been used. The grower thought there was still good data to be had, but should expenses of further analysis be saved. Two trees died, 85-90 percent of the trees had some dieback of the lower leaves. The committee discussed the aspects of the various types of

irrigation that could be used. The committee discussed the disposition of the existing trees. Dr. Barney said they maybe used as a windbreak somewhere on U.I. property? The committee voted to have the study brought conclusion as proposed. The also wished to see the study repeated for next year. Opinions were also expressed about continuing to work with existing trees.

3) Dr. Robert R. Tripepi, University of Idaho, Grant No. NAC/ISDA 2002-4 \$5,709 “Evaluating Additional Conifer Seedlings Grown in a Gravel Bed for Fall Transplanting for Fall Transplanting.” The committee approved the mid-term report as submitted.

The committee also discussed the expansion of this study to include deciduous trees of various sizes and carried out in Southern Idaho. Dr. Barney said he would like to do it and involved the staff as Boise State University. The committee asked that Dr. Barney submit a proposal for a study of this nature.

Old Business Continued: The National Agricultural Statistics Service report on nursery sales for 2001 was published on page 44 of the 2002 Annual report. The committee would like to have someone from NASS attend the January 2003 meeting. The committee member expressed interest in how the various survey conducted by NASS were funded.

INA report by Ann Bates gave a list of research topics that went out with the call for proposals. Dave Jenkins ask if the INA research committee has looked for any to actually do some of the research they are asking for.

New Business: The proposal paperwork and application was reworked and discussed. Updates to the ISDA Website to include final research projects and a searchable database to look for licensed nurseries was discussed.

The scope of the research allowed by the law was discussed and comment were made that it might be too restrictive and should be further discussed

Bill Dial suggests that the “Call for Proposals” mail out be looked at during the January meeting and perhaps be revised for 2004.

Mike Weiss affirmed that the would still represent the University on the committee for the time being, in spite of his temporary assignment to another position within the University system.

Annual committee meeting is set for: Saturday, January 25, 2003 7: 30 – 12:00 a.m. State House Inn - NASS representative report, review and approval or denial of proposals, review of the “Call for Proposals”, review and approval of final research reports.

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 AM Monday, October 7, 2002